

quickly and this legislation can be signed into law.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I join Senator INHOFE in urging the Senate to pass S. 1873, the National Environmental Education Act Amendments of 1996. I commend Senator INHOFE for his leadership on this bill. Mr. INHOFE and other members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee have crafted a reauthorization of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990. It is a bipartisan bill sponsored by 11 members of the Environment and Public Works Committee, including myself and Senators INHOFE, BAUCUS, LIEBERMAN, FAIRCLOTH, KEMP THORNE, MOYNIHAN, REID, LAUTENBERG, SMITH, and GRAHAM.

S. 1873 extends the authorization for programs authorized by the National Environmental Education Act until 2007. The bill also includes a number of changes to make programs authorized under the act operate more effectively and efficiently.

The goal of the National Environmental Education Act is to increase public understanding of the environment and to advance and develop environmental education and training.

The act has been successful in supporting environmental education through grants and training programs aimed at schools, nature centers, museums, and other educational organizations. The act has benefited thousands of teachers and millions of students—children and adults.

Educational programs supported through this act increase the public's awareness and knowledge about environmental issues, and provide them with the skills needed to make informed decisions.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this important environmental education legislation.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to, the bill be deemed read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1873), as amended, was deemed read the third time and passed.

#### AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of a Senate resolution 287 submitted earlier today by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 287) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has received a request from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office for copies of subcommittee records relevant to a background investigation that the office is conducting in connection with a solid waste disposal company's licensing application.

In the course of drug enforcement hearings in the mid-1970's, the subcommittee investigated allegations relating to an individual who was then a Federal drug enforcement official and is now a principal in the solid waste firm seeking licensure from the State of New Jersey. The Attorney General's Office is seeking access to subcommittee records to enable the office to fulfill its responsibilities under State law to conduct a thorough background investigation of this individual.

Mr. President, this resolution would authorize the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, acting jointly, to provide subcommittee records in response to this request.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to this resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 287) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

#### S. RES. 287

Whereas the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey has requested that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations provide it with copies of subcommittee records in connection with a licensing investigation that the office is currently conducting;

Whereas by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas when it appears that documents, papers, and records under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to the office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey copies of subcommittee records that the office has requested for use in connection with its pending licensing investigation.

#### DAY OF NATIONAL CONCERN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary

Committee be discharged from further consideration of Senate Resolution 282, designating October 10, 1996, as "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence," and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 282) to designate October 10, 1996, as the "Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, en bloc, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; further, that any statements relating thereto be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 282) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

#### S. RES. 282

Whereas violent crime among juveniles in American society has dramatically escalated in recent years;

Whereas between 1989 and 1994, juvenile arrest rates for murder in this country skyrocketed 42 percent;

Whereas in 1993, more than 10 children were murdered each day in America;

Whereas America's young people are this country's most important resource, and Americans have a vested interest in helping children survive, free from fear and violence, to become healthy adults;

Whereas America's young people can, by taking individual and collective responsibility for their own decisions and actions, help chart a new and less violent direction for the entire country;

Whereas American school children will be invited to participate in a national observance involving millions of their fellow students and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as the agents of positive social change; and

Whereas this observance will give American school children the opportunity to make a solemn decision about their future and control their destiny by voluntarily signing a pledge promising that they will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to resolve a dispute, and will use their influence to prevent friends from using guns to settle disputes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates October 10, 1996, as the "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the school children of the United States to observe such day with appropriate activities.

#### NATIONAL SILVER HAired CONGRESS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate